



June 2014

Hello Prop Riders,

Let's start those engines! Race season is here with Walled Lake a couple weeks away, followed soon by The Gold Cup and Quake. How cool is this to have three of the best venues in the world in our back yard?

With these races upon us, have you thought about volunteering? There are openings at each venue. Just tell the race directors you'd like to help. See page 5 for details on what is still needed for Walled Lake.

I'd like to thank Mike Weber for handling last month's meeting, while I was away. This work thing keeps getting in the way of all the fun!

Another collective thanks goes to Mike Weber, Mario Maraldo, Eli Whitney, Patrick Sankuer and Tom Bertolini for working on the display boat and trailer. Mike moved and stored the boat and helped fix the cowling. Mario and Eli repaired the trailer while Pat and Tom are also working on the cowling. The display boat is going to be busy this summer and it's going to look good!

In this issue, we have a great photo pictorial of our special guest "Rosie the Riveter", along with some nice shots from Dayton.

See you in Walled Lake!

Ritzy

Happy (belated) Memorial Day to our troops, both past and present. Thank you for your service!



Event Schedule – 2014

*Race dates and upcoming events are tentative.
Planning is taking place for the following events:*

Walled Lake	June 14-15, 2014
Quake on the Lake (APBA Inboard Nationals), Waterford, MI	Jul 19-20, 2014
Celina	August 23-24, 2014
Rocky Fork	September 20-21, 2014
New Martinsville	September 27-28, 2014

The Next Meeting Is June 4th

7:30 PM

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MEETING MINUTES

Marine Prop Riders - General Meeting May 7, 2014 - Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Held at Juliano's in Warren, Mi. The meeting was called to order by Mike Weber at 7:33 pm. Fund Raising Activities: John Bridge will be selling 50/50 Tickets tonight.. Prop Pitch is not available tonight.

President's Report (Mike Weber): Mike Weber is substituting for Chris Ritz tonight, because Chris Ritz "vacationing" in Mexico tonight. Some people will go a long way just to have a some liquid libations, and Chris calls this "work". Mike Weber did a great job tonight conducting the meeting, considering he claims the last time he had this responsibility was in 1988. The club was also introduced to three (3) visitors for tonight's meeting: Jane (Rosie the Riveter) Vass. Steve Vass (Jane's Husband) and Joe Schulte.

Approval of Minutes: Ray Dong noted there were some misspelled names in the last news letter, and requested a correction for record purposes. Ray volunteered to help with the review. Upon further review, my apology to the Weber family, because their name(s) were repeatedly abused in the last news letter. Approved by: Eli Whitney Seconded by: Ray Dong

Treasurer's Report (Mario Maraldo): Deposits: \$395.00, \$329.00, \$1141.64, \$125.00, \$220.00 (total: \$2210.64); Disbursements: Membership \$17.64, Newsletter \$111.27, Promotional Cards \$186.96, Journal \$16.08, Tim Hueston Memorial \$1261.64, Tim Hueston Memorial (Late) \$275.00. Balance: Initial: \$8949.68 , Final: \$10,973.37. Due to scheduling conflicts, the Audit was still not completed. It has been rescheduled to be completed within the next two (2) weeks. Approved by Rick Falcinelli and seconded by Rich Falcinelli.

Membership (Jennifer Falcinelli):		(2013)	(2014)
Current Membership:		212	167
Primary Membership:		130	106
Family Membership:		59	48
Life Membership:		13	13
Vintage:		24	26
Newsletter:	Printed:	86	55
	Electronic:	51	60
	None:		53
	Total:		168

Jennifer distributed the newest version of the Marine Prop Riders publicity handout, and a credit card size 2014 Inboard Racing Schedule. Jennifer intended to distribute five hundred (500) copies to Todd McQuade for the "Walled Lake" race, and five hundred (500) copies to the Wilson's for the "Quake On The Lake" race. There still should be about one thousand (1000) copies for distribution elsewhere. Contact Jennifer Falcinelli to fulfill your needs for Marine Prop Riders handout supplies, and contact the A.P.B.A. office for the credit card size 2014 Inboard Racing Schedule(s). Approval of Membership Report by Rick Falcinelli and seconded by Rich Falcinelli.

Publicity (Vallery Ritz): The deadline to submit information for the next newsletter will be May 21, 2014. She apologized for misspelling of names in the last newsletter. Vallery is very committed to supplying a correct, and professionally produced, newsletter for your perusal, and enjoyment.

Entertainment (Ray Dong): Rosie the Riveter (Jane Vass and her husband Steve) are present tonight, and easily recognized in her fashionable "Rosie" apparel. Ray Dong, Bill Rands, and "Rosie" will talk about the Yankee Air Museum, and the Bomber Plant.

Future entertainment may include the following:

Mike Brudenell-Detroit Free Press Motor Sports Writer.

Mark Hooten-FormulaBoats.com and Oh Boy! Oberto Crew.

Rob Mattina - Red Wings Office and Corporate Smoking Joe's Racing.

Jim Downing -Hans Device inventor.

Vintage Report (Paul Poledink):**Grosse Point Yacht Club****May 16-18, 2014**

This is a huge event with many very expensive yachts on display. With proper shoe attire, many of the boats are open for on-board tours. This is a great opportunity to promote Inboard Hydroplane Racing, and the Marine Prop Riders Club. Club members have an open invitation to bring their boats to this event for display, and promotion.

Algonac Harbor Yacht Club, St. Clair, MI**June 20, 21, 22, 2014**

Jennifer Falcinelli and Paul Poledink attended this event last year. This is a three (3) day event, but the boats are only displayed on Saturday. Jennifer Falcinelli and Paul Poledink will not be able to attend this year. Contact Jennifer or Paul for details, should you have the opportunity to represent the club at this year's event.

Presque Isle**June 21, 2014**

Paul Poledink will be attending this event.

Algonac Pickerel Tournament**July 04, 2014**

Paul Poledink will be attending this event. Hal LeDuc and Royce/Kathy Richards have attended this event in the past.

2014 Race Reports:**Dayton Testing:****April 26-27**

The weather cooperated, so Dayton Testing and the Racing School is successfully in our record books. The racing school successfully graduated fourteen (14) students, and only the last student, on the last day, hooked the boat. The school boat is in great shape, and ready for the next school date. Turn out of race boats and crews were fewer than expected. Those southern boys (the Kreitzer's) know how to start the season with a party, their cook-out was enjoyed by all attending...Thanks!!!

The Dayton Test date is promoted and managed by the River Rats Racing Association. Mark Weber took some time to explain; who, and what, the River Rats Racing Association is all about. The whole Association is comprised of five (5) members. All are on the Board of Directors, and are lifetime Board of Directors members. They are as follows; Mark Weber (Treasurer), Billy Noonan, Ron Snyder (President), Jackie Meyer, Steve Spisak. The goal of the River Rats Racing Association is to provide a time, place, and means for Inboard Power Boat Racing. The Association members provide all up front funding, for the Dayton Test site, and hopefully are reimbursed by entry fees, and school fees on those attending. The five (5) members hope that they can someday have enough in the bank, to help fund racers develop the future of the sport. One of their short term goals is to develop the Dayton Testing Site, into a Dayton Racing Site. From the reaction of those attending tonight's meeting...So What's Taking So Long??? Let's go racing!!!!!! Thanks again!! I know, I can speak for myself, and other recently new Marine Prop Rider Members, "If it were not for the racing school, we would not have had the opportunity to participate in, or further pursue the sport of Inboard Hydroplane racing".

Walled Lake Thunder:**June 14-15****Volunteers Needed**

The city will no longer provide services to support this race. The city is now charging for Police, and Fire Department support. The Cranes are charging this year also. The Bayside Grill is still very supportive of the race, even with these new challenges.

Gold Cup:**July 11-13**

A three (3) day event is scheduled. The support classes will be 5 Liter, Super Lite Tunnels, and Vintage. The DRRA held their annual banquet on May 02, 2014, and raised seventy five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) to support the Gold Cup. WOW!!!

It was noted, that there is a huge volunteer effort, year round, to pull off this event.

Sandy Ross announced the theme for this years featured event at Sinbad's, will be "California Invasion" on Friday July 11, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. . The featured racing friends are; The Arena Brothers, and Danny Foster. As part of this years festivities, a memorial is planned for Danny Foster which will include the spreading of Danny Foster's ashes along the Detroit Gold Cup race course. Danny Foster's son, and his wife, are scheduled to be present for this event.

Waterford Quake on the Lake:**July 19-20****Volunteers Needed**

Kyle Wilson is the Official Race Director. Mark Weber will be his "Wing Man". All event planning is on course as expected. All race participants will be treated equal, with the understanding that the "**Summer Nationals**" is/are/and will be, the top priority.

Celina, Ohio:**Aug. 23-24**

Working on sponsorship...all is good up to this point of the planning process. Scott Anderson has requested the use of the display boat for this event. A.P.B.A. is intending to offer the school boat for this event, instead of the display boat.

Rocky Fork:**Sept. 20-21**

Working on sponsorship...no new information available.

New Martinsville:**Sept. 27-28**

No Information

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APBA News (Mark Weber): Dan Wiener resigned as APBA's Executive Director on April 28. Dan's resignation provided APBA with the opportunity to examine and reallocate the functions within APBA headquarters. As a result of this careful analysis, Ryan Berlin has been named Director of Operations for the American Power Boat Association; the Executive Director position will not be filled. (copied from A.P.B.A. Website)

Driving school boats are being repaired, and are on the way to their intended respective A.P.B.A. regions. Many volunteers are working hard to make this a successful program. The estate of Fred Hauenstein has donated a prop to be used on a driving school boat.

A.P.B.A. has about twenty thousand (20,000) pieces of promotional materials now printed, and are available upon request. Call Sandy Cody at the A.P.B.A. Office to receive promotional materials.

MACH News (Ray Dong): Changes are in place. MACH is looking forward to the upcoming season.

IRC Racing News (Jim Sechler): No Report

Region 6 News (Eli Whitney): No news to report. All is on schedule. Looks like Celina, and Rocky Fork will hold races this year .

Old Business: The treasurer's audit at Mario's, has been rescheduled for later this month.

Walled Lake, and Quake on the Lake, are still looking for volunteers. Contact Bob/Mary Anne Wilson (Quake on the Lake), or Todd McQuade (Walled Lake), with your intentions, on where/how, you would like to be utilized at these events. Many opportunities are still available both on the water, and lake side. Bring your "Volunteer Friends" (kicking and screaming is allowed), they may get the volunteer opportunity of their life, to help out, at one of these races. One of the "hardest to fill" volunteer positions at Quake on the Lake is; the Pit Gate Money Collector. This position is still available for anyone interested.

A reminder that there will be no lawn chairs allowed in the Hot Pit Area at Quake on the Lake, due to insurance purposes.

New Business: Mario Maraldo and Eli Whitney worked on the display boat trailer. Due to initial trailer design, repairs can only be considered marginal, at best, for long term use. Either a new trailer needs to be purchased, or a major overhaul will be required. A dolly will be needed for movement at shows, when/if, the boat, is ever repositioned to properly distribute its weight on the trailer. The club approved reimbursing Eli, one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for some of his materials used to repair the trailer. Todd McQuade will drop the trailer off at a trailer rebuilder. Mike Weber and Eli Whitney suggested the rebuilder consult with them about the special parameters required to haul Inboard Hydroplanes at an inclined plane required to get them down the road safely. Pat Sankuer and Tom Bertolini are working on the cowling.

Next Meeting: Date: June 4, 2014 at Juliano's in Warren, MI

Adjournment: Time: 8:32 pm. Approval of Adj. Request: Approved by Eli Whitney and Seconded by Rich Falcinelli.

Fund Raising: 50/50 winner: Kathy Shuler, amount: \$49.00; Raffle Winner: Joe Schulte/Prize Red Wing Poster & Light Stick, John Pulbratek/Prize: Red Wing Poster & Light Stick.

Tonight's Entertainment: Ray Dong's and Bill Rands presentation of the Yankee Air Museum . The long awaited, very informative, fashionably dressed, and highly entertaining "Rosie the Riveter" Jane Vass.

Respectfully Submitted by: Wayne Shagena

If you have any articles, classifieds, photos, "Who Knew" news, race reports, or want to submit a member bio in the newsletter, please forward to me at: varitz@gmail.com
Thanks!



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Walled Lake Thunder Volunteer Opportunities

Walled Lake Thunder is only two weeks away, but there are still exciting opportunities available for you to be part of the action.

- Gate Security: 4-5 people
- Pit Help / Drivers to get boats to cranes
- Turn Judges: 4-5 for weekend working in half day shifts (must be APBA Member)
- Morning & afternoon help with clock & Judges stand Assembly (2 per day or better) and tear down Sunday night
- Friday Setup & Monday final tear down

Don't hesitate to contact Todd McQuade (248-722-7985 or wltt.todd@yahoo.com) and let him know how you can help to support the race.



Ray Dong, Kathy & Mario Maraldo and Unlimited Detroit's Steve Garey at a Detroit Tiger game.

A fun day at Tiger Stadium

Photos courtesy of Ray Dong.



Kathy Maraldo with Torii Hunter.



Correction!

The May newsletter incorrectly identified Sean Bowsher's younger daughter Shelby in this picture. It should have stated it is his daughter Devyn.



Sean & Devyn

The press regrets the error.

Member Biography

Mike Menter

Why did you get into hydroplane racing & when?

I got into hydroplane racing after watching a race in Hampton a few years back. I actually started racing Stock Outboards in 2009.

What is your most memorable moment in hydroplane racing?

My most memorable moment is winning Stock Outboard Rookie of the Year in 2009, and teaming up with Tony Lombardo and winning US1 in Crackerbox also in 2009.

What do you want to accomplish this racing season?

My goal for this season is to get seat time in the Henderson, and to finish all my heats.

What are your accomplishments in boat racing?

2009 Stock Outboard ROY, and 2009 US1 in Crackerbox.

What would you change about racing?

I would like to see capsules mandated in all hulls were applicable. I think safety is most important, and should be stepped up a notch.

What is your favorite race course?

Favorite race course to date is Puddingstone, CA

What is something no one knows about you?

My real last name is Menter, however on Facebook, it is Magoo. I display a different last name on social media sites due to my job. Some convicts upon release, use social media to try and track down employees after release.

My other hobby is building and manufacturing Radio Control Racing boats.



Mason



Angie

What's your occupation?

I am a Correctional Officer

Where do you call home?

San Diego, CA

Are you married and do you have any children?

I am married to my wife Angie, and our 4 year old son, Mason.

Do you have any sponsors?

Currently sponsored by EGO, Maxima Oil, Six B Apparel, Hot Products

Good luck this season Mike!

Highlights From the May MPR Meeting



Jane Vass aka "Rosie the Riveter"



Kathy Richards and Jane "strike the pose"



"Rosie" explaining the emergence of women in the work force



"Rosie" with Andy Guaresimo, Mark Weber, Kathy & Mario Maraldo



"Rosie" and Ray Dong.

Vintage Views

Dayton Vintage Hydro Testers April, 2014

Pictures submitted by Paul Poledink.



Chris Gardill, Chris Cox, Kristen Cox, **F97**, *Roman Candle*



Phil Kunz, Margaret Myers, Ron Snyder, **E686**, *Helter Skelter*



Kevin Klosterman, **F37**, once known as *Teal Bikini*



Sandy Ross, Mike Owen, John Bridge, Paul Poledink, **CE52**, *White Lightning*



Billy Noonan, Tom Swindling, **T2**, *Lil Miss Hillwinds*



Jay Marshall, Mark Cravens, **E102**, *Tijuana Taxi*



Bob Bramlage, Joey Bramlage, **E66**, *JB & Water*



Hal LeDuc Sr., Hal LeDuc Jr., **F222**, *Opechee*



Tim Settle, Mark Cravens, **F77**, *Barracuda*

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Is the boat part of the vintage category? Yes / No

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